

REMARKS

A verified translation of our priority document is filed herewith, thereby to perfect entitlement to our priority date of August 30, 2002.

Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as anticipated by PFENDTNER. Whether considered as U.S. Patent 6,912,841 or as WO 03/027452, PFENDTNER has a reference date in the United States of April 3, 2003, subsequent to our priority date.

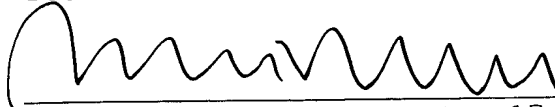
Accordingly, PFENDTNER cannot be used for reference purposes against the present application.

There being no other objection or rejection of record, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- ☐ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☐ - a Replacement Sheet for Figure                      of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the  
originally-filed specification
- ☒ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document